THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That matter has been engaging the attention of the Government. As question of finance was involved in this matter, it was deferred in 1953. We have now taken up the matter again and we are examining the proposal."

Sengipatti Tuberculosis Sanatorium

* 1067 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to answer to question No. 550 given on 6th May 1954 whether the Government have since decided to give an yearly grant to the Sengipatti Tuberculosis Sanatorium in the Tanjore district and, if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In July 1954, the Government sanctioned a maintenance grant of Rs. 10,000 to the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tanjore, as there was a deficit in the accounts of this institution for the year 1952–53. There was no deficit in the accounts of the sanatorium for the year 1953–54 and the question of sanctioning an annual recurring grant towards the maintenance of this institution does not arise at present."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether non-gazetted officers can avail themselves of the concession of free medical facilities granted by the Government in this Tuberculosis sanatorium also? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I presume, Sir, that non-gazetted officers can avail themselves of the medical facilities even in private sanatoria and recover the amounts paid by them from the Government."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know whether the Government will allot increased grants for increasing the number of free beds? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Only maintenance grants are given to Tuberculosis sanatoria on net cost basis subject to a certain minimum fixed by the Government."

Area Committees

* 1068 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the term of the members of all the Area Committees appointed under Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951, expired on 30th September 1954;

(*b*) if so, why new members to these committees have not yet been appointed; and

(*c*) whether lists of prospective persons to be appointed are pending with the Government for the last three months?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) The term of office of only some of the members of certain committees expired on 30th September 1954.

" (b) The Government have since filled up those vacancies.

" (c) Does not arise."

9–30 a.m. SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" May I know whether these vacancies were filled up simultaneously or one after another as they arose? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Simultaneously, Sir."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, are the Government aware that there is a constant complaint that only local influential Congressmen are appointed to these Area Committees and persons who have got an interest in the temples are not appointed? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, there is no truth in the rumour. On the other hand there is also a complaint that Congress men are not appointed."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, what are the grounds on which members to these Area Committees are chosen? Is it not a fact that people belonging to the Congress Legislature Party have found places in the Committees while Members of the Opposition groups have been totally neglected? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, it has become almost a fashion, so to say, on the part of every hon. Member to say like this. Can I ask the hon. Member to point out the particular Committee to which he is referring? "

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I refer to the Chingleput Area Committee? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There was no vacancy in the Chingleput Area Committee."

(A voice : ' What about Kancheepuram? ')

No useful purpose will be served by members accusing the Government of having nominated Members only from the Congress Party and the Congress Members accusing the other way about. I request hon. Members to refrain from putting such questions."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister, Sir, whether the heads of mutts and similar other religious institutions are consulted in the matter of appointment of Members to these Area Committees? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know the names of Members of the Chingleput Area Committee, Sir? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Notice, Sir." (Renewed laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 *RE* DETERIORATION OF RICE STOCKS WITH MOWANCHERI PRODUCERS'-*CUM*-CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. Madhavan Nambiar will move the motion under rule 40 standing in his name."

* SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I call the attention of the Minister concerned to a matter of urgent public importance, viz.,

'Deterioration of more than 1,750 maunds of rice in the hands of Mowancheri Producer's-*cum*-Cunsumers' Co-operative Society, North Malabar, which has discontinued sale of rice with the permission of the District Supply Officer, North Malabar, and yet whose stocks are not taken over by the Government.'

" സർ, എട്ടു മാസത്തോളമായി ഈ മൊവ്വഞ്ചേരി പി. സി. സി. സൊസൈററിയിൽ അരിവിതരണം നിറുത്തൽചെയ്തിട്ട്. അതിനുശേഷം അധികൃതന്മാരെ പല പ്രാവശ്യം സമീപിച്ചു നിവേദനങ്ങൾ നടത്തിയിട്ടും ആവലാതികൾ കൊടുത്തിട്ടും ഇതേവരെ അവിടെ കിടപ്പുള്ള 1,750 മന്ന് അരി മടക്കി എടുത്തതായി അറിവില്ല. ആ അരി മുഴുവൻ ഗോഡൌണിൽ കിടന്നു നാശമാവുകയാണ്. കൂടാതെ ഗോഡൌണിന്നു വാടക കൊടുത്തു സൊസൈററിക്കു വളരെ നഷ്ടം സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഈ അരി മടക്കി എടുക്കാതിരിക്കുന്നതു് ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന്റെ ഒരു കൊള്ളരുതായ്മയായിട്ടാണ് കണക്കാക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നതു്. പല പ്രാവശ്യം കലക്ടർക്കും മററും നിവേദനങ്ങൾ സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടും ഇതുവരെ ആ അരി അവിടെനിന്നു നീക്കംചെയ്തിട്ടില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ മനഃപൂർവ്വം ജനങ്ങളുടെ പണം നശിപ്പിക്കുകയാണെന്നു വേണം ധരിക്കാൻ. 1955 ഫിബ്രുവരി 8-ാം തീയതി സൊസൈററി ചീഫ് മിനിസ്റ്റർക്കും ഒരു മെമ്മോറാണ്ടം സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. എങ്കിലും ആ അരി ഇനിയും നീക്കംചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രശ്നം ഇപ്പോൾ ഇവിടെ ഉന്നയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to make the following statement :—

'The Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Mowancheri, has got a stock of 1,742 maunds, 7 seers of raw rice. This stock formed part of the quantity of 11,860 tons of raw rice in Malabar district, which was ordered to be disposed of expeditiously by tender, as the rice was reported to be in a deteriorating condition. With reference to the above orders, the Collector of Malabar invited tenders in October 1954 for the purchase of these stocks along with the other stocks referred to above. When the question of accepting the tender rates was under consideration, some offers to purchase the stocks at a higher rate were received. A portion of the stock was accordingly sold at a rate higher than the tender rate and the balance quantity that remained at the close